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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

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I. INTRODUCTION

This report presents an evaluation of the atmospheric environmental data taken during the launch of the Space Shuttle/STS-29 vehicle. This Space Shuttle vehicle was launched from Pad 39B at Kennedy Space Center (KSC), Florida, on a reference bearing of 90-degrees east of North, at 1457 u.t. (957 EST) on March 13, 1989.

This report presents a summary of the atmospheric environment at launch time (L+0) of the STS-29, together with the sequence of prelaunch Jimsphere-measured winds aloft profiles from L-3.83 hr through liftoff. The general atmospheric situation for the launch and flight area is described, and surface and upper level wind/thermodynamic observations near launch time are given. Since the ship Redstone was unavailable for STS-29 duty, the SRB descent/impact atmospheric data were not taken. However, one can use the STS-29 ascent data for SRB studies as the best substitute.

Previous MSFC-related launch vehicle atmospheric environmental conditions have been published as Appendix A of individual MSFC Saturn Flight Evaluation Working Group reports [1]. Office memorandums have been issued for previous flights giving launch pad wind information. A report has also been published [2] which summarizes most launch atmospheric conditions observed for the past 155 MSFC/ABMA-related vehicle launches through SA-208 (Skylab 4). Reports summarizing ASTP, STS-1 through STS-27 launch conditions are presented in References 3 through 23, respectively. Table 1 gives the atmospheric L+0 launch conditions for all the Space Shuttle missions.

II. SOURCES OF DATA

Atmospheric observational data used in this report were taken from synoptic maps made by the National Weather Service, plus all available surface observations and measurements from around the launch area. Upper air observations were taken from balloon-released instruments sent aloft from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS). High-altitude winds and thermodynamic data were generated from the global reference atmospheric model (GRAM) since there was no reliable Super-Loki rocketsonde data available. Table 2 presents a listing of systems used to obtain the upper level wind profiles used in compiling the final ascent atmospheric data tape. Data cutoff altitudes are also given in Table 2.

III. GENERAL SYNOPTIC SITUATION AT LAUNCH TIME

An area of weak high pressure dominated the weather over southern Florida during the launch of STS-29. Southerly winds prevailed over KSC during the countdown. Figure 1 depicts the surface map at 2 hr and 57 min before launch of STS-29. The flow of the wind aloft was from the northwest. Figure 2 shows the winds aloft condition at the 500-mb level 2 hr and 57 min before launch.

Skies were mostly clear over the KSC area prior to the launch of STS-29. Figure 3 shows the GOES-7 visible satellite picture at 1501 u.t. (4 min after launch) with the 500-mb heights and wind barbs superimposed. Figure 4 presents an up-close visible view of the Florida peninsula as recorded by GOES-7, taken also at 1501 u.t. (the exhaust cloud from STS-29 can be seen on this photograph).

The STS-29 mission was delayed 2 hours due to fog and strong winds aloft.

IV. SURFACE OBSERVATIONS AT LAUNCH TIME

Surface observations at launch time for selected KSC locations are given in Table 3. Included are pad 39B, Shuttle runway, and CCAFS balloon release station observations. Neither precipitation nor lightning was observed at launch time.

Table 4 presents pad 39B wind data along with other standard hourly atmospheric measurements and sky observations for the 6-hr period prior to launch of STS-29. Values for wind speed and direction are given for the 18-m (60-ft) pad light pole level.

V. UPPER AIR MEASUREMENTS DURING LAUNCH

The FPS-16 Jimsphere (1512 u.t.) and the MSS Rawinsonde (1500 u.t.) systems were used to measure the upper level wind and thermodynamic parameters for STS-29 launch. The Super-Loki Rocketsonde and Super-Loki Robin were not available for launch of STS-29. At altitudes above the measured data, the GRAM [24] parameters for March KSC conditions were used. A tabulation of the STS-29 final atmospheric data for ascent is presented in Table 5 which lists the wind and thermodynamic parameters versus altitude. A brief summary of parameters is given in the following paragraphs.

A. Wind Speed

At launch time, wind speeds were 16.9 ft/s (10.0 kn) at 60 ft and increased to a maximum of 104.7 ft/s (61.9 kn) at 45,200 ft (13,777 m). The winds remained below this maximum through the 84,000-ft (25,603-m) level which was the altitude of the last measurable wind speed. The left side of Figure 5 shows a plot of wind speed versus altitude.

B. Wind Direction

The 60-ft wind direction was from west-southwest (242 degrees) at launch time and shifted to a consistent northerly component around 10,000 ft (3,048 m). The winds fluctuated from the north to northwest to around the 40,800-ft (12,436-m) level. Above this level winds had a westerly component and became southwesterly near 69,000 ft (21,031 m). Winds remained southwesterly throughout 84,000 ft (25,603 m), which was the last measurable directional height. Figure 5 depicts the complete wind versus altitude profile specifying wind direction on the right side.

C. Prelaunch/Launch Wind Profiles

Prelaunch/launch wind profiles given in Figures 6 through 9 were measured by the Jimsphere FPS-16 system. Data is shown for four measurement periods beginning at L-3.83 hr and extending through L+15 min.

The wind speed and direction profiles for the L-3.83 hr period prior to and including L+15 min are shown in Figures 6 and 7. The in-plane and out-of-plane profiles are shown in Figures 8 and 9. The in-plane component wind speeds were mostly less than the March mean wind values. The out-of-plane wind speeds were generally greater than the March mean values but well within the 95-percent profile envelope.

D. Thermodynamic Data

The thermodynamic data, taken at STS-29 launch time, consisted of atmospheric temperature, dew-point temperature, pressure, and density. These data have been compiled as the STS-29 ascent atmospheric data and are presented in Table 5. The vertical structure of temperature and dew-point temperature for STS-29 ascent are shown graphically versus altitude in Figure 10.

E. SRB Upper Air and Surface Measurements

As has been mentioned in the introduction, since there was no ship available, an SRB descent atmospheric data tape has not been constructed. The tabular values for the ascent atmospheric tape, as presented in Table 5, should be used for SRB descent/impact studies since it is the closest measured data source.

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TABLE I. SELECTED ATMOSPHERIC OBSERVATIONS FOR THE FLIGHTS OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE VEHICLES

		Count Down and Launch Comments of Meteorological Significance			Wind directional change observed at Pad just prior to Lo. Onset of					17 min countdown delay due to adverse weather conditions.						I day delay due to excessive wind loads, calculated at high altitudes.
itions	<u>ت</u> و	Dir. (deg)	250	286	250	329	336	27.7	278	349	252	288	289	270	303	272
ght Cond	Max. Wind Below 60,000 ft	Speed (ft/sec)	86	158	119	37	146	155	76	30	111	143	176	\$	78	121
Indi	Bei	Ait. (ft)	44,300	36,300	45,000	47,900	40,600	46, 100	45,900	45, 100	47, 100	38,200	37,700	40,300	40,600	33,100
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Surface	Thermodynamic ^a	Temp. (°C)	21	23	24	29	22	23	22	24	7.	11	16	26	23	20
	Therm	Press. N/cm ²	10.234 ^d	10.166	10.160	10.200	10.227	10.183	10.146	10.111	10.153	10.173	10.149	10.172	10-210	10.227
		Time (EST) Nearest Minute	0100	1010	1100	J0011	6110	1330	0733 [£]	0232 [£]	1100	080	0858	0842	0703 [£]	0715
	Vehicle Data	Launch Date	.4/12/81	11/11/81	3/22/82	6/27/82	11/11/82	4/4/83	6/18/83	8/30/83	11/28/83	2/3/84	4/6/84	8/30/84	10/5/84	11/8/84
	Vehic	Vehicle No.	STS-1 Columbia	STS-2 Columbia	STS-3 Columbia	STS-4 Columbia	STS-S Columbia	STS-6 Challenger	STS-7 Challenger	STS-8 Challenger	STS-9 (SL-1) Columbia	ST5-11 (41-B) Challenger	STS-13 (41-C) Challenger	STS-4ID Discovery	STS-41G Challenger	STS-51A Discovery
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		bra mod tring	Launch Comments of Meteorological Significance	I day delay due to extreme cold surface temperatures.	55-min delay due to a ship in the SRB impact area, and concerns over potential weather related impacts (cloud cover).			(20) 8/24 launch scrub due to	launch area. Rain during	unexceptable weather at TAL sites. 1/10 launch		(25) 1/26 leunch scrub due in-part to potential bad weather associated with fronts insease. 1/27		in-part to cold early morning temperatures.	(26) 1 hr and 37 min delay due to light winds.	27) I day delay due to excessive wind loads, calculated at high altitudes.	(29) 2 hr delay due to fog and strong winds aloft.
	SU		Dir. (deg)	265	265	320 297	298 30 2	035	123	283	218	270	263	264	304	245	283
	Inflight Conditions	Below 60,000 ft	Speed (ft/sec)	199	134	69	55 55	53	£	85 88	81	7.5	221	174	7	187	105
_	Infligh	Below	Alt. (ft)	42,900	42,600	32,900	40,100	48,000	41,000	48,000	43,000	49,300	40.000	42,000	53,100	40,200	45,200
(Concluded)		۔	Dir. (deg)	228 253	8 8 8	337	201 20 6	101	073 070	213	217	165	323	331	058 047	314 352	242
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TABLE	bservation		Rel. Hum. (%)	9}	55	9	16	72	98	79	7.2	18	*	27	26	20	78
1	Surface Observations	Thermodynamic ^a	Temp. (°C)	18	21	27	23	28	24	28	28	23	12		53	14	18
	S	Thermo	Press. ^C N/cm ²	10.173	10.257	10.128	10.201	10.174	10.225	10.185	10.029	10.202	16.206	10.253	10.182	10.270	10.190
			Time (EST) Nearest Minute	1450	1359	1202 ^f	0733 [£]	1700£	J8590	35111	1200	1929	0655	1138	1137 [£]	930	957
		Vehicle Data	Launch Date	1/24/85	4/12/85	4/29/85	6/11/85	7/29/85	8/27/85	10/3/85	10/30/85	11/26/85	1/12/86	1/28/86	9/29/88	12/2/88	3/13/89
		Ve	Vehicle No.	STS-51C Discovery	STS-51D Discovery	STS-51B Challenger	STS-51G Discovery	STS-51F Challenger	STS-511 Discovery	STS-51J Atlantis	STS-61A Challenger	STS-61B Atlantis	STS-81C Columbia	STS-51L ¹ Challenger	STS-26 Discovery	STS-27 Atlantis	STS-29 Discovery

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Pad 39A thermodynamic measurements taken at approximately 1.2 m (4 ft) above natural grade at camera site No. 3. I min average prior to L+0 of 60 ft PLP winds measured above natural grade. FSS wind measurement was not available.

Pressure measurement applicable to 21 ft above MSL unless otherwise indicated.

Pressure measurement applicable to 14 ft above MSL.

Eastern Daylight Time.

30 sec average prior to L+0.

All vehicles launched from LC 39A except where noted.

Shuttle exploded in flight.

Vehicle launched from 39B. ъ. С

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TABLE 2. SYSTEMS USED TO MEASURE UPPER AIR WIND DATA FOR STS-29 ASCENT

	Date: March	March 13, 1989		Portion of Data Used	Data Used	
	Release Time	Гіте	Start		End	
Type of Data	Time (u.t.) (hr:min)	Time After L+0 (min)	Altitude m (ft)	Time After L+0 (min)	Altitude m (ft)	Time After L+0 (min)
FPS-16 Jimsphere	15:12	15	(21)	15	16,154 (53,000)	89
MSS Rawinsonde	15:00	က	16,459 (54,000)	57	25,603 (84,000)	87

TABLE 3. SURFACE OBSERVATIONS AT STS-29 LAUNCH TIME

pu	Direction (deg)	250	240	242
Wind	Speed ft/sec (kt)	11.8	8.4 (5.0)	16.9
	Height of Base Meters (ft)			ı
Sky Cover	Cloud Type	Clear	Clear	,
	Cloud	0	0	ı
	Visibility km (miles)	13 (8)	13 (8)	1
	Relative Humidity (8)	75	81	28
	Dew Point K (°F)	288.7	288.7 (60.0)	287.1 (57.0)
	Temperature K (°F)	293.2 (68.0)	292.0 (66.0)	290.9 (64.0)
	Pressure (MSL) N/cm ² (psia)	10.193 (14.784)	10.191	10.190
	Time After L+0 (min)	0	el	0
	Location ^a	NASA Space Shuttle Runway X68 ^d Winds Measured at 10.4 m (34 ft)	CCAFS XMR ^b Surface Measurements	Pad 39B ^C Lightpole NW 18.3 m (60.0 ft)

a. Altitudes of measurements are above natural grade, except where noted.

Balloon release site.

Pad 39B thermodynamic measurements are taken at camera site No. 3, approximately 6.4 m (21 ft) above MSL.

Official STS-29 sky observational site. . d

TABLE 4. STS-29 PRE-LAUNCH THROUGH LAUNCH KSC PAD 39B ATMOSPHERIC MEASUREMENTS^a

Hou.	Hourly Atmospheric Measurements	Measur	ements			Sky Condition ^b	ition ^b		
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Time u.t.	remperature (°F)	roint (°F)	(%)	WS Kt	MDο	Clouds	Sky	(mi.)	Other Remarks
0060	28	22	86	6	253	Clear	0	7	
1000	58	57	66	10	251	Clear	0	2	
1100	58	28	100	10	251	Clear	0	4	Vision obstructed by fog
1200	56	56	100	11	252	Overcast at 200 ft	10/10 3/4	3/4	Vision obstructed by fog
1300	58	28	100	∞	271	Scattered at 400 and 22,000 ft	5/10	2-1/2	2-1/2 Vision obstructed by fog
1400	61	09	26	11	260	Scattered at 800 ft	4/10	9	Vision obstructed by fog
L+0 ^C 1457	64	57	78	10	242	Clear	0	∞	

a. Hourly pad observations (obtained via MSFC/HOSC) averaged over 5 min, centered on the hour.

b. Sky observations taken at the Shuttle runway site X68.

L+0 PAD wind and thermodynamic parameters obtained from HOSC strip charts. The NW anemometer was used at 60 ft for L+0 wind conditions approximately 5 min average prior to L+0. Pad 39B L+0 sea level pressure was $10.190 \, \text{N/cm}^2$. ٠.

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50100.	4	277.00	-67.62	O. 1205E+03	0.2042E+03	00.8666-
50200.	79.40	281.00	-67.65	O.1199E+03	O.2032E+03	00.6666-
50300.	6.7	280.00		O.1193E+03	O.2022E+03	-9999.00
50400.	6.1	278.00	-67.71	O.1187E+03	O.2012E+03	00.8666-
50500.	72.83	284.00	•	O. 1181E+O3	O.2002E+03	-9999.00
50600.	3.8	280.00	-67.77	O.1175E+03	0.1992E+03	00.6666-
50700.		280.00	•	O. 1169E+03	O.1983E+03	00.8666-
50800.		272.00	-67.83	O.1163E+03	O.1973E+03	00.8666-
50900.	•	271.00		O.1157E+03	O. 1963E+03	00.6666-
51000.	77.43	278.00	-67.89	O.1151E+03	O.1953E+03	00.6666-
51100.		280.00		O.1145E+03	Ξ.	00.6666-
51200.	82.68	278.00	-68.23	O.1140E+03	Τ.	00.6666~
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1400.	82.68	283.00	-68.57	O.1128E+03	•	00.6666-
51500.	83.66	285.00	-68.74	O.1123E+03	O. 1913E+03	00.6666-
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51700.	81.04	288.00	-69.08	O.1112E+03	O.1897E+03	00.8666-
51800.	81.69	287.00	-69.25		O. 1890E+03	00.8666-
51900.	87.27	285.00	- 69.42	O.1100E+03	O.1882E+03	00.8666-
52000.	86.61	284.00	-69.59	O.1095E+03	O.1874E+03	00.8666-
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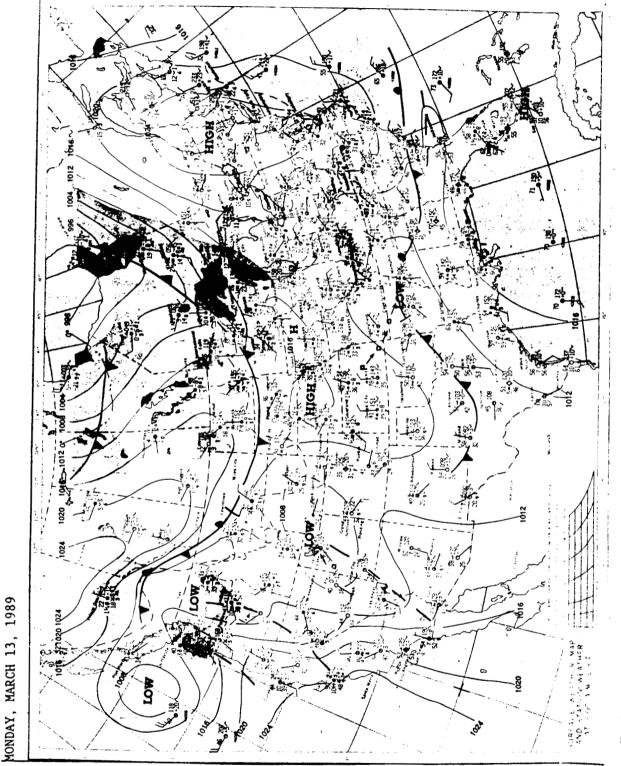
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142000.	58.65	267.44	-8.22		0.2104E+01	-9999.00
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163000.	86.03	262.88	-4.41	O.7360E+00	0.9541E+00	-9999.00
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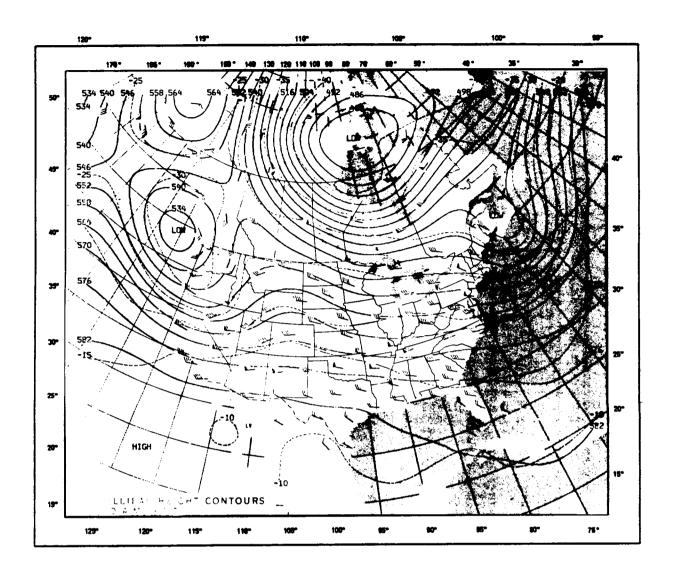
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Surface Synoptic Map at 1200 u.t. March 13, 1989 - Isobaric, Frontal, and Precipitation Patterns Are Shown in Standard Symbolic Form.

Figure 1. Surface synoptic chart 2 hr 57 min before launch of STS-29.



500 Millibar Height
Contours at 1200 u.t.
March 13, 1989.
Continuous Lines Indicate Height Contours in Feet Above Sea Level.
Dashed Lines Are Isotherms in Degrees Centigrade. Arrows Show Wind Direction and Speed at the 500-mb Level.

Figure 2. 500 mb map 2 hr 57 min before launch of STS-29.

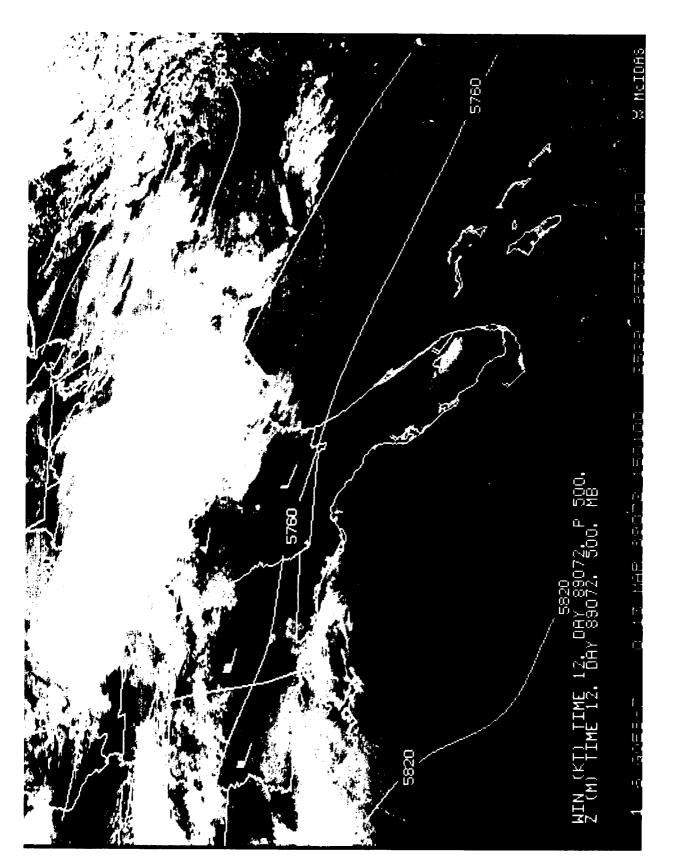
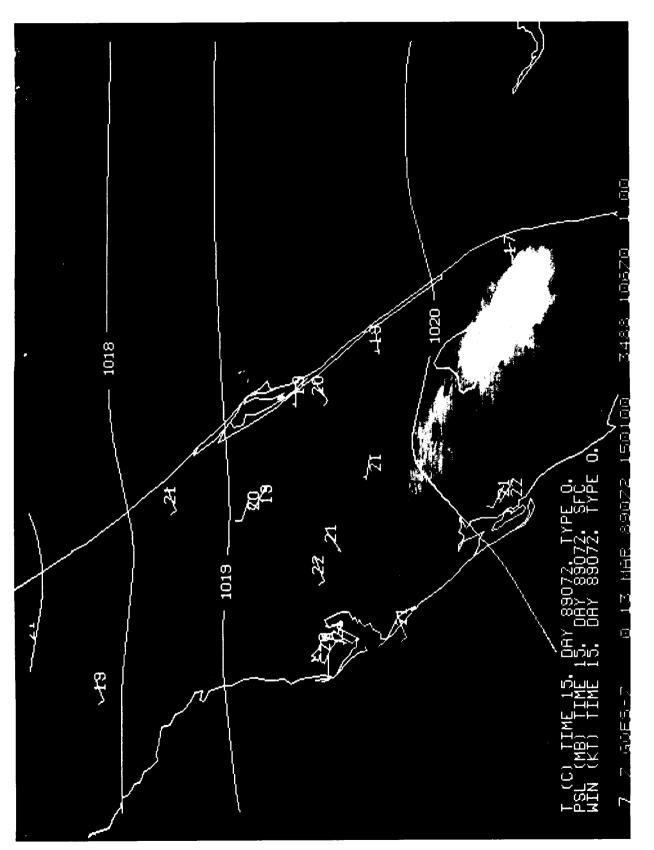


Figure 3. GOES-7 visible imagery of cloud cover at the launch of STS-29 (1501 u.t., March 13, 1989). 500-mb heights (meters) and wind barbs are also included for 1200 u.t.



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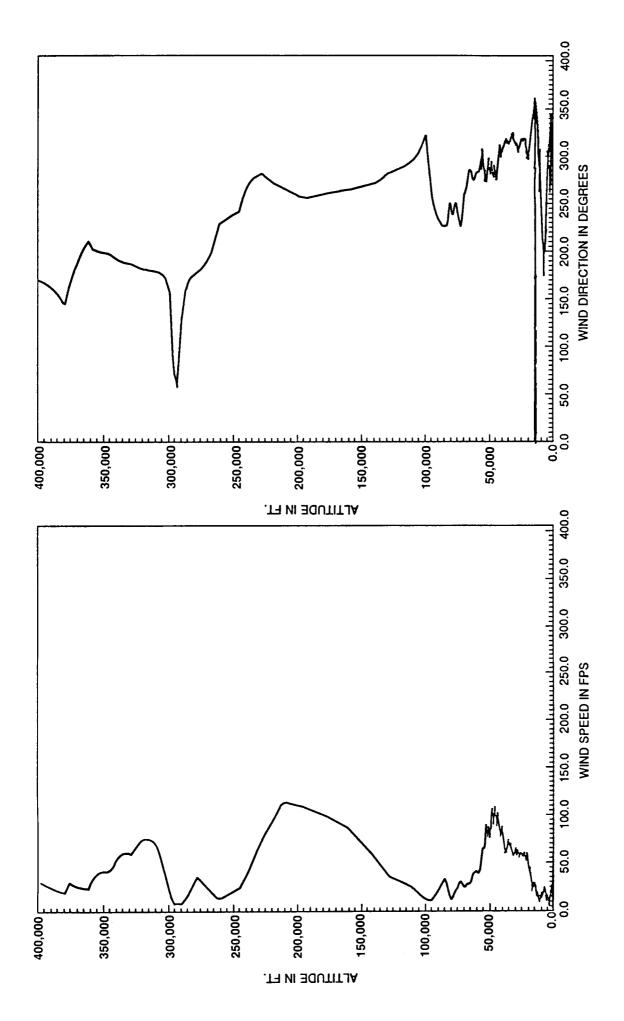


Figure 5. Scalar wind speed and direction at launch time of STS-29.

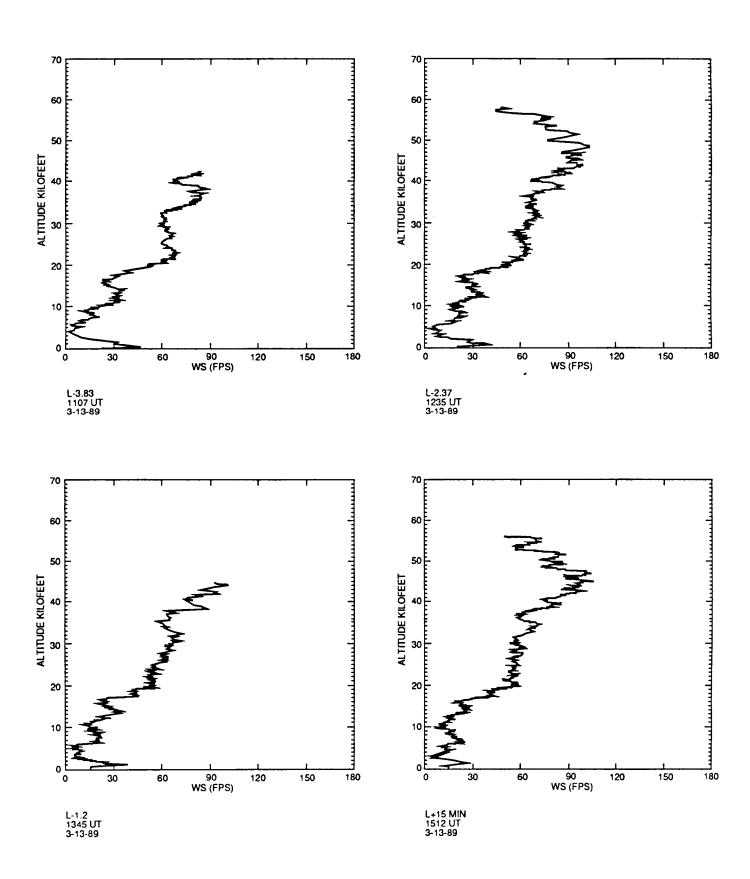


Figure 6. STS-29 prelaunch/launch Jimsphere-measured wind speeds (FPS).

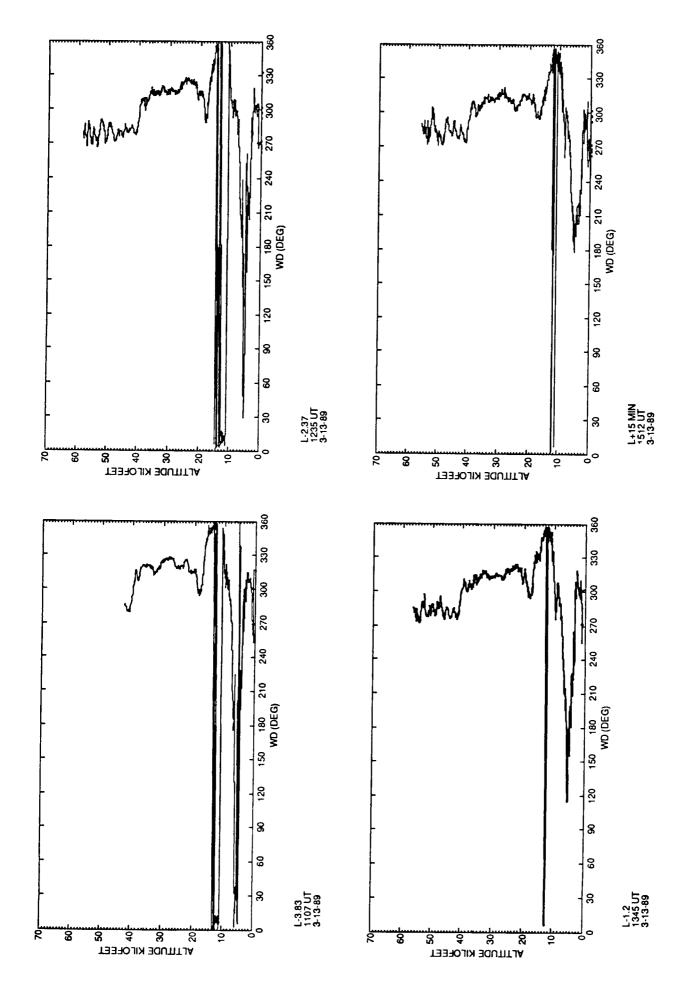


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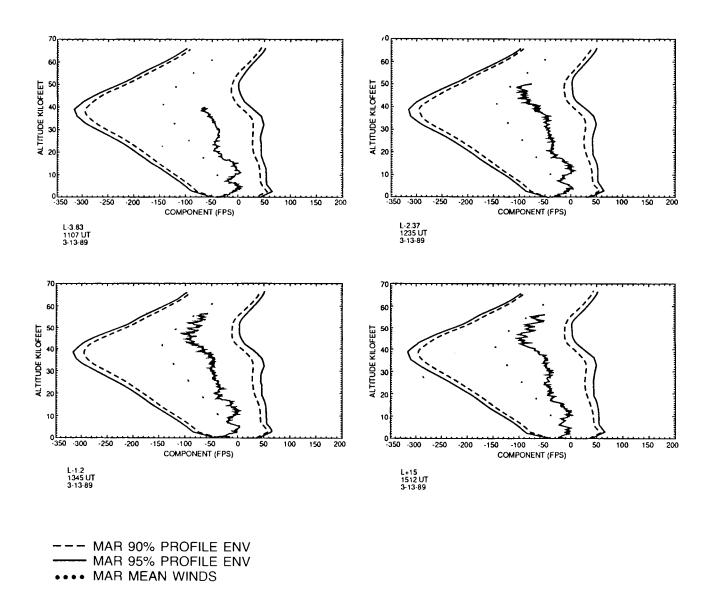


Figure 8. STS-29 prelaunch/launch Jimsphere-measured in-plane component winds (FPS). Flight azimuth = 90 deg.

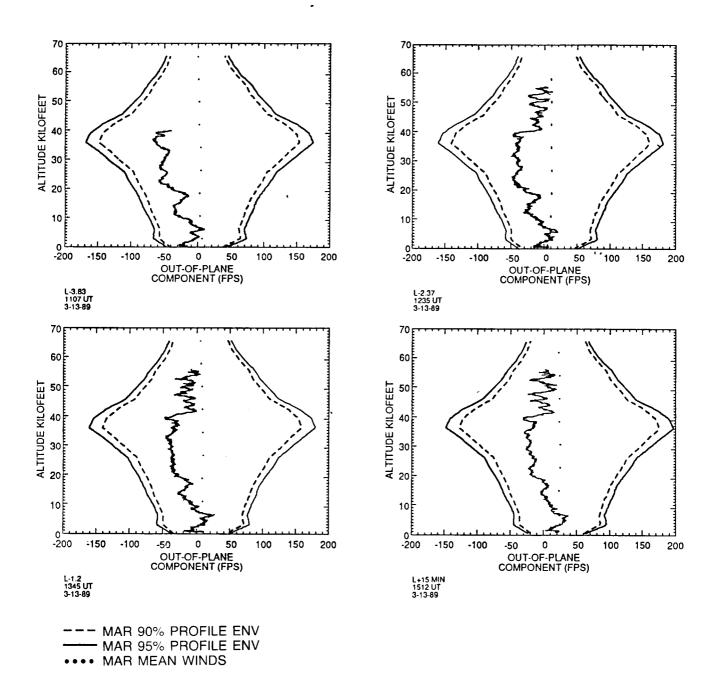


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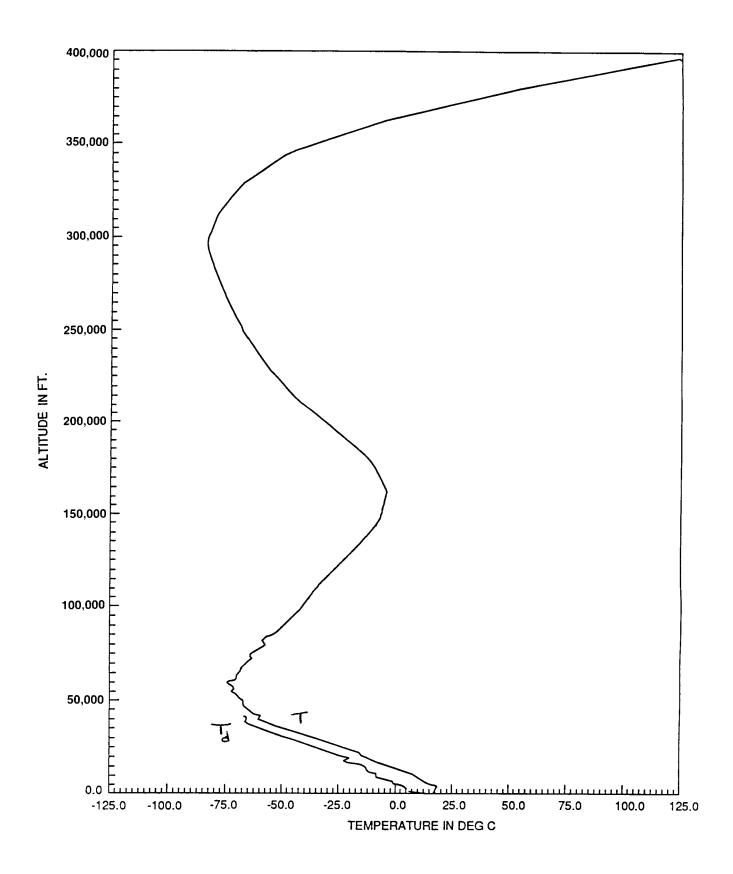


Figure 10. STS-29 temperature profiles versus altitude for launch (ascent).

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